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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague statistics—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, Emeryville, and Point Richmond, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, March 29 and April 1:

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to March 29, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77.

Date of occurrence of last case, February 8. Date of finding of last infected rat, March 27.

To April 1 Oakland has had 10 bacteriologically proven cases of plague and 2 clinically verified cases, with 7 deaths. Berkeley and Point Richmond, 1 case each.

The first case at Oakland, Cal., was taken sick September 10, and the last case died December 22, 1907. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., a clinically verified case, was taken sick August 28, died September 1, 1907. The case at Point Richmond, Cal., also a clinically confirmed case, was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

Doctor Blue further reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended March 28.

Sick inspected.....	37
Dead inspected.....	106
Necropsies held.....	3
Premises inspected.....	23,566
Houses disinfected.....	171
Houses destroyed.....	46
Buildings condemned.....	10
Nuisances abated.....	4,379
Rats found dead.....	692
Rats trapped.....	10,473
Total rats taken.....	11,165
Rats identified:	
<i>Mus decumanus</i>	5,703
<i>Mus rattus</i>	82
<i>Mus musculus</i>	4,285
Total.....	10,070

Bounty rats received	7, 559
Poisons placed	238, 474
Rats examined bacteriologically	4, 173
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	9

OAKLAND, CAL.

Week ended March 21.

Sick inspected	181
Dead inspected	33
Premises inspected	9, 872
Houses disinfected	8
Nuisances abated	720
Rats found dead	167
Rats trapped	721
Poisons placed	343, 350
Notices served	661
Rats examined bacteriologically	426
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	15
Ships inspected	31
Necropsies held	1

OAKLAND, CAL.

Week ended March 28.

Sick inspected	191
Dead inspected	35
Premises inspected	9, 682
Houses disinfected	6
Nuisances abated	983
Rats found dead	320
Rats trapped	785
Poisons placed	278, 096
Notices served	798
Ships inspected	30
Ships fumigated	4
Certificates signed	4
Rats examined bacteriologically	547
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	9

EMERYVILLE, CAL.

Week ended March 21.

Sick inspected	31
Premises inspected	136
Houses disinfected	1
Nuisances abated	7
Rats found dead	93
Rats trapped	140
Poisons placed	7, 050
Notices served	26

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended March 21.

Sick inspected	2
Dead inspected	8
Premises inspected	190
Nuisances abated	34
Rats found dead	29
Rats trapped	243
Poisons placed	9, 000

Outgoing quarantine transactions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports, March 27:

Week ended March 14:

Vessels disinfected and certified..... 63

Vessels certified..... 27

Week ended March 21:

Vessels fumigated and certified..... 62

Vessels certified..... 38

Report from Seattle, Wash.—Date of finding of last plague rat.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, April 4:

One rat in which plague was positively determined was found March 25 on the water front in an indeterminate locality.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*Sacramento*.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths 55, including 9 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 3 and scarlet fever 5.

INDIANA.—Month of January, 1908. Estimated population, 2,648,594. Total number of deaths, 3,200, corresponding to an annual death rate of 14.0 per 1,000 of population, including 36 from diphtheria, 51 from enteric fever, 7 from measles, 9 from scarlet fever, 11 from whooping cough, and 391 from tuberculosis.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 203 cases in 40 counties; enteric fever, 256 cases in 42 counties; smallpox, 240 cases in 32 counties.

IOWA—*Sioux City*.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from diphtheria and 1 from scarlet fever. Cases: Diphtheria 9, measles 44, scarlet fever 9, smallpox 16, and whooping cough 3.

KENTUCKY—*Hopkinsville*.—Year ended December 31, 1907. Estimated population, 8,000. Total number of deaths 125, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 15, measles 1, and 13 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 2, enteric fever 33, measles 10, scarlet fever 10, and tuberculosis 15.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester*.—Year ended December 31, 1907. Estimated population, 147,084. Total number of deaths, 2,572, including diphtheria 84, enteric fever 18, measles 12, scarlet fever 25, whooping cough 21, and 230 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 1,178, enteric fever 95, measles 92, scarlet fever 304, whooping cough 17, and tuberculosis 286.

MICHIGAN.—Month of February, 1908. There were 3,235 deaths returned to the department of state as having occurred during the month of February, which corresponds to an annual death rate of 16.2 per 1,000 estimated population. There was an increase of 138